

Frequently Asked Questions

For questions regarding pollution prevention and to register complaints regarding construction runoff, please contact James Arsenault, P.E., Westford Town Engineer at 978-692-5520.

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Q: What does a septic system look like and how does it function?

A: www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/wwm/files/yoursyst.htm

Q: What additives are safe to put in my septic system?

A: www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/wwm/files/addallwd.htm

Q: How do I know when my septic needs to be repaired or upgraded?

- A: 1. When it is in failure (as defined by 310 CMR 15.000) and you are selling your home.
2. When it is in failure (as defined by 310 CMR 15.000) and a danger to human health and safety.
3. When it is in failure and the Board of Health and/or it's agent orders you to.

Q: How do I get information on personal income tax credit for my failed cesspool or septic system (Title 5) expenditures?

A: www.dor.state.ma.us/rul_reg/tir/tir97-12.htm

Q: Questions about Title 5? (310 CMR 15.000 – The State Environmental code)

A: Visit the Department of Environmental Protections web site at:
<http://www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/wwm/t5pubs.htm>

Q: What is the timeframe for septic permits and repairs?

A: See Septic System Procedure doc. under Guidance Documents and Related Links.

Q: What do I do if I have mosquito complaints or want the area around my house Or property sprayed or not sprayed for mosquitoes?

A: Call the **Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project** at (508) 393- 3055.